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BIG MACK-VCI STATREP

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS FOR JULY 1971

Introduction

The VCI STATREP is a monthly report providing statistics on VCI strengths and influence over the population. This report provides a basis for estimates of VCI capability and threat.

Information is provided by District and Province Intelligence and Operations Coordinating Center (DIOCC and PIOCC). These centers are responsible for reporting on assigned geographical the term "VC villages" indicates administrative boundaries (hence control or authority).

Population percentages are determined by totaling the population for all hamlets within these geographical areas. Statistical charts within this report do not necessarily total 100%. Entries within each statistical summary are not exclusive, i.e., villages, hamlets, VCI and other reported data of 100% or may not be reported at all giving a total much less

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I. Overview

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RVN. This reflects an increase of 1927 from the total reported for June. The following chart shows the figures for the last two months.

Village/	June 1971 Identified	Estimated	Total
Hamlet Level Higher Level Total	17,963 8,174 26,137	23,090 10,467 33,557 plus COSVN	41,053 18,641 2,300 61,994
Village/	July 1971 Identified	<u>Estimated</u>	Total
Hamlet Level Higher Level Total	18,094 7,415 25,509	24,754 11,358 36,112 plus COSVN	42,848 $18,773$ $2,300$ $63,921$

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The village/hamlet level category increased 1795, 93% of which were estimated cadre. The higher level showed an increase of 132 reflecting a decrease in the identified category and a greater increase in the estimated. Overall, identifications decreased 628, while the estimates increased 2555. This increase is better understood in the light of the fact that most provinces showed some slight decreases in their totals, while Pleiku and An Xuyen Provinces increased a total of 2726 from last month, 799 greater than the total change of 1927. In these two provinces the increases were in both the identified and estimated categories.

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B. Population living in villages where the "authority and control" of the GVN is greater than the VCI was 97.6%, identical with June's report. There are 288 villages in RVN excluded from this category, with the VCI reported as having authority and control as great or greater than the GVN. In 769 villages, in which 17.9% of the total HES-counted population lives, the authority and control of the VCI are rated "at least significant." This represents a decrease of 1.2% from the June figure. In all Big Mack reports, "total population" refers to the Hamlet Evaluation System current population figures.

	Number of VC Villages	% of Total Population
Total VC Villages Reported	2414	100.0
No VCI Known To Exist	39 6	23.3
Marginal Authority and Control	1249	58.6
Less than GVN, but Significant Equal to GVN	4 81	15. 5
Greater than GVN	77	1.6
VCI only Government in Village	47	.5
ton only dovoznatonia viliage	164	.1
Authority and Control At Least	•	
Significant Authority and Control As Great	769	17.9
or greater than GVN	28 8	2.4

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C. Only 0.6% of the population lives in the 153 villages where the VCI conduct operations openly day and night. An additional 2.4% of the population of the RVN lives in those 134 villages where the VCI operates secretly by day and openly at night. 39.7% of the population lives in 1235 villages where the VCI were able to conduct operations on a more than occasional

basis; this percentage, which includes the two percentages above, reflects a decrease of 1.3% from the June figure.

Total VC Villages Reported No VCI Exists Exists, but does not operate Only operates occasionally Operates secretly and only at night Operates secretly day and night Operates secretly in the day/ openly at night Operates openly during day and night	Number of <u>VC Villages</u> 2414 391 198 590 675 273 134 153	% of Total Population 100.0 21.9 12.4 25.8 27.5 9.1 2.4 .6
Operates regularly, secretly or openly, day or night Operates openly either by day or by night or both	1235 287	39. 7

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D. ____ The VCI provided governmental-type services to 230 villages in which 5.0% of the population resides. This is a decrease of 0.9% from the June report. As in previous months, legal services were provided to the greatest number of people, with medical services following.

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Total VC Villages Reported Villages having VC Educational system Villages having VC Medical system Villages having VC Legal system Villages having VC Financial system Villages having at least one VC	Number of VC Villages 2414 83 141 124 63	% of Total Population 100.0 1.5 2.2 3.1 1.5
Provided Government Service	23 0	5.0

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Revolutionary Committees and Councils (RC's) represent a major political and psychological threat to the GVN. The extent to which they exist and perform their operations independent of other local party organizations should be considered in the light of their general presence throughout the RVN. The following tables show number of RC's reported by VC village, district, and province boundaries and the overlap of the RC's and other VC village party organizations.

Total VC Villages Villages Having RC's	Number Reported 2414 965	Percentage of Vil/Dist/Prov Having RC's
Total VC Districts Districts Having RC's	276 164	59.4
Total VC Provinces Provinces Having RC's	41 37	90.2

Party/RC Overlap

Total VC Villages reported RC Exists RC's perform functions substantially independent of other VC	Number of VC Villages 2414 965	% of Total Population 100.0
Village party organizations	203	7 4

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of the effectiveness of the VC in his own area, however, it may be helpful in determining the extent of security in his locale which might force him to seek refuge away from his home. In July were also able to maintain full-time residence.

т. Г. Г. С.	Number of	% of Total
	VC Villages	Population
Total VC Villages Reported	2414	100.0
Neither VCI nor their families live in even one hamlet	384	24.9
VCI do not live in even one hamlet but their families do	895	35.8
VCI live in at least one hamlet, but on a part time basis only	534	21.9
Full time residence in at least one hamlet	461	13,1
Unknown	140	4 4.0
At least part time residence	995	35.0

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II. MR Overview

Although the total strength figures in RVN for the month of July showed a gain of only 123, the strength figures for MR2 showed a total increase of 1,914. This reflects an increase of over 15% from the previous month with the largest increase being the 1,334 in the estimated category. Aside from MR2, the greatest changes were in MR3 (a total decrease of 917) and MR4 (a total increase of 902). This month's figures also showed that the majority of changes were in the estimated category.

	MR1 Identified	Estimated	Total
Village/ Hamlet Level Higher Level Total	6,147 1,209 7,356(-228)	3,944 2,203 6,147(+256)	10,091 3,412 13,503(+28)
	MR2 Identified	Estimated	Total
Village/ Hamlet Level Higher Level Total	4,628 2,086 6,714(+580)	6,961 3,033 9,994(+1,334)	11,589 5,119 16,708(+1,914)
	MR3 Identified	Estimated	Total
Village/ Hamlet Level Higher Level Total	2,317 2,592 4,909(-983)	2,807 3,030 5,837(+66)	5,124 5,622 10,746(-917)
•	MR4 Identified	Estimated	<u>Total</u>
Village/ Hamlet Level Higher Level Total	5,002 1,528 6,530(+3)	11,042 3,092 14,134(+899)	16,044 4,620 20,664(+902)

II. MR Overview

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The month of July marked the first time since the institution of the new Big Mack reporting system that MR 4 has not led the rest of RVN in the presence of VCI provided government services. July's report shows that 7.9% of the population of MR 2 lives in villages where the VCI provides some form of governmental service. This shows an increase of 1.6% over the previous month.

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Since the institution of the new Big Mack collection system in November, governmental services in MR 2 have increased from 4.2% to the present 7.9%. During the same reporting period, MR 4 has decreased from 13.4% to the present 7.8% of the population provided with at least one VCI governmental service.

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MR 2 also provides the VCI with the greatest opportunity for significant authority and control in RVN. A total of 31.1% of the population living in 256 of the 619 villages reported in MR 2 are exposed to some form of significant VCI authority and control. However, MR 4 continues to lead the rest of the country in VCI access. July's report shows that the VCI conduct operations on a more than occasional basis in 464 of the 773 villages reporting. These 464 villages house 53.7% of the population in MR 4. VCI influence is summarized in the following chart (the parentheses indicate significant changes from the June figure).

No VCI Exists Exists, but does not	Percentage MR 1 22.4	of Total Pop	ulation in t MR 3 41.3	the MR MR 3 8.5
operate Only operates occa-	17.4(+3.0)	12.1(+3.8)	8,5	13.3
sionally Operates secretly and	23.1	27.0(-4.8)	28.6	24.3(+3.7)
only at night Operates secretly day	27.1	29,6(+3,0)	18.8	34.3
and night Operates secretly/day	6.8	8.7(-4.1)	1.5	17.0
openly/night Operates openly during	2.2	7.4	.2	2.1
day and night	.7	1.2	.7(+,3)	.2
Some Government serv-				
ice provided VCI authority equal or	3.8	7.9	.9(-2.2)	7.8
greater than GVN Significant authority,	1.7	8.3	.0	2.1
but less than GVN	19.7	31.1	3.7	23.3

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The Big Mack measures the VCI influence over the population in three areas. These are the VCI's access to the population, the VCI's services for the population, and the VCI's authority over the population. By averaging the rankings for each GVN province on these criteria, an evaluation of overall enemy political influence can be constructed. The following chart portrays the ten provinces where the enemy exercises the least political influence and the ten provinces where the enemy exercises the most political influence. Figures in parentheses to the left indicate the Big Mack influence rankings for June, while the figures in parentheses to the right indicate the province ranking according to HES (percent AB secure population) for July.

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he differences between the Big Mack and total HES ranki flect the fact that measures of security are not identical with measures of political influence. The enemy's political influence can be high in areas where military activity and terrorism are low, and vice versa.

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B. The Big Mack includes the first systematic attempt to measure the extent of the VCI's medical, educational, legal, or financial "governmental services" to the population. Twenty-two provinces show some indicators of these services; and of these, ten show substantial evidence of these services. In addition, 19.3% of the population of Cam Ranh City receives some type of VCI governmental service. These ten provinces, in which at least ten percent of the population lives in villages where there are VCI-provided services, follow:

An Xuyen Kien Eoa Binh Dinh Vinh Binh	34. 7 % 20.3% 18.9% 16.3% 14.1%	Phu Yen Chuong Thien Quang Nam	10.1%
•		Tuyen Duc	10.1%

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RANK	PROVINCE	1000 POPN	RANKING	E TOTAL VCI	AUTHORITY	HAVE REGULAR	PROVIDE
			WHITE IT	<u>VC1</u>	SIGNIFICANT	OPERATIONS	SERVICES
	HUE	0.4		85	0.0		
	SAIGON	0.6		1,051	0.0	0.0	0.0
	VUNG TAU	0.6		54	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CAM RANH	1.1		117	19.3	0.0 0.0	0.0
	DA NANG	1.3		55 2	0.0	0.0	19.3
-	DALAT	3.7		307	6.4	5 . 9	0.0
$egin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \end{array}$	AN GIANG	0.3	1	191	0.0	2.9	0.0
<i>-</i>	SA DEC	0.6	7 (T)	183	0.0	49.2	0.0
4	GIA DINH GO CONG	0.6	2	7 06	1.1	4.3	0.0
5	QUANG DUC	0.9	7 (T)	177	7.1	14.2	0.0
6	KIEN PHONG	1.1	3	41	0.0	20.0	0.0
7	CHAU DOC	1.2 1.3	10	491	4.8	28.3	0.0
8	LONG AN	2.0	23	716	6.9	19.6	3.0
9	PHONG DINH	2.0	5	762	1.1	19.9	0.0
10	HAU NGHIA	2.3	44 30	1,028	61.6	71.9	34.7
	NINH THUAN	2.3	24	523	47.4	80.5	0.0
	BAC LIEU	2.3	25 25	462	39.0	43.8	0.0
13	BIEN HOA	2.4	7 (T)	729 1,155	19.7	70.1	0.0
14	THUA THIEN	2.5	16	1,133	4.2	26. 6	0.0
15	VINH LONG	2.7	33	1,498	13.4	46.1	0.0
16	QUANG TRI	3.0	11 (T)	913	27.2	57.0	6.1
17	BA XUYEN	3.1	29	1,256	13.5	19.9	0.0
18	TAY NINH	3.5	32	1,338	13.1	64.3	1.0
19	DINH TUONG	3.9	37 (T)	1,789	$\substack{2.3\\40.2}$	76.6	13.2
20	DARLAC	4.1	15	987	3.1	7 5.6	3.8
21	KHANH HOA	4.2	21	1,047	18.3	4.5	1.6
22	LAM DONG	4.7	4	359	4.5	50.3	0.0
0.4	VINH BINH	4.7	39	1,853	34.7	0.4	0.0
24	KIEN GIANG	4.8	22	1,804	14.2	69.4 58.8	14.1
	BINH DUONG	4.8	14	1,239	7.6	44.2	0.0
27	QUANG NGAI	4.8	36	3,580	37.9	61.9	0.0
21	PHUOC TUY	5 .2	13	637	1.7	51.9	7.1
29	QUANG TIN	5.2	27	2,110	25.8	31.8	0.0
29	KIEN HOA	5.3	40	3,168	35.5	79.3	2.8
31	LONG KHANH PHU YEN	5.3	_ 6	850	0.0	41.6	18.9
-	PHU IMM	5.8	35	1,923	36.6	55.3	0.0
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RANK	NAME OF PROVINCE	VCI PER 1000 POPN	INFLORNCE RANKING	VCI	FOR LIVING PUBLISHED TO SIGNIFICANT	% POP LIVING WHERE VCI HAVE REGULAR OPERATIONS	% POP LIVING WHERE VCI PROVIDE SERVICES
32	BINH DINH	5.9	42	4.466	51.4	73.2	18.3
	CHUONG THIEN	5.9	41	1,589	47.5	89.3	10.7
34	BINH THUAN	6.2 .	28	1.727	27.7	40.1	0.5
35	PHU BON	6.9	26	448	18.6	21.6	0.5
36	TUYEN DUC	7.4	34	863	16.2	70.2	10.1
37	BINH LONG	8 .2	19	628	11.7	60.4	0.0
	QUANG NAM	8.2	31	4,889	24.1	49.4	10.1
39	KIEN TUONG	8.7	11 (T)	463	17.3	11.6	0.0
40	KONTUM	9.1	18	1.060	4.9	5.2	2.0
41	BINH TUY	9.2	17	674	0.0	100.0	0.0
42	AN XUYEN	13.6	43	3,729	38.9	97.8	20.3
	PLEIKU	13.6	37 (T)	2,901	48.7		
44	PHUOC LONG	24.5	20	1,129	30.9	68 . 9	4.0
			20	1,123	30.9	38.6	0.0

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I. Overview

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The Big Mack for July shows a total of 62,446 VCI for This reflects an increase of 452 from the total reported RVN. for June. The following chart shows the figures for the last two months.

Village/	June 1971 Identified	Estimated	Total
Hamlet Level	17,963	23,090	$ \begin{array}{r} 41,053 \\ 18,641 \\ \hline 2,300 \\ 6^{\circ},994 \end{array} $
Higher Level	8,174	10,467	
Motal	26,137	33,557 plus CO	

Village/	July 1971 Identified	Estimated	<u>Total</u>
Hamlet Level	17,688	23,685	$ \begin{array}{r} 41,373 \\ 18,773 \\ \underline{2,300} \\ 62,446 \end{array} $
Higher Level	7,415	11,358	
Total	25,103	35,043 plus COSV	

In the village/hamlet level category, the estimated category increased 595, whereas the identified category decreased 275. The higher level showed an increase of 132 reflecting a decrease in the identified category and a greater increase in the estimated. Overall, identifications decreased 1,034 while the estimates increased 1,486.

> Population living in villages where the "authority and control" of the GVN is greater than the VCI was 97.6%, identical with June's report. There are 288 villages in RVN excluded from this category, with the VCI reported as having authority and control as great or greater than the GVN. In 769 villages, in which 17.9% of the total HES-counted population lives, the authority and control of the VCI are rated "at least significant." This represents a decrease of 1.2% from the June figure. In all Big Mack reports, "total population" refers to the Hamlet Evaluation System current population figures.

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Less than GVN, but Significant	481	15.5
Equal to GVI	77	1.6
Greater than GVN	47	.5
VCI only Government in Village	164	.1
Authority and Control At Least		
Significant	7 69	17.9
Authority and Control As Great		
or greater than GVN	288	2.4

C. Only 0.6% of the population lives in the 153 villages where the VCI conduct operations openly day and night. An additional 2.4% of the population of the RVN lives in those 134 villages where the VCI operates secretly by day and openly at night. 39.7% of the population lives in 1235 villages where the VCI were able to conduct operations on a more than occasional basis; this percentage, which includes the two percentages above, reflects a decrease of 1.3% from the June figure.

	Number of	% of Total
	VC Villages	Population
Total VC Villages Reported	2414	100.0
No VCI Exists	391	21.9
Exists, but does not operate	198	12.4
Only operates occasionally	590	25.8
Operates secretly and only at night	675	27.8°
Operates secretly day and night	27 3	9.1
Operates secretly in the day/		
openly at night	134	2.4
Operates openly during day and night	153	.6
Operates regularly, secretly		
or openly, day or night Operates openly either by day	1235	39.7
or by night or both	287	3.0

D. ____ The VCI provided governmental-type services to 230 villages in which 5.0% of the population resides. This is a decrease of 0.9% from the June report. As in previous months, legal services were provided to the greatest number of people, with medical services following.

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II. MR Overview

July showed a gain of 452. The greatest increase occurred in MR 4 where 902 more VCI were reported over that of June. The greatest decrease, 983, occurred in the identified category of MR 3.

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RANK	NAME OF PROVINCE	VCI PER 1000 POP	INPLUENCE	TOTAL	AUTHORITY	HAVE REGULAR	PROVIDE
***************************************		1000 101	RANUTHE	<u>VCI</u>	SIGHIFICANT	<u>OPERATIONS</u>	SERVICES
	HUE	0.4		85	0.0	0.0	0.0
	SAIGON	0.6		1,051	0.0	0.0	0.0
	VUNG TAU	0.6		54	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CAM RANH	1.1		117	19.3	0.0	19.3
	DA NANG	1.3		55 2	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	DALAT	3.7		30 7	6.4	5.9	0.0
2	AN GIANG	0.3	1	191	0.0	2.9	0.0
2	SA DEC	0.6	7 (T)	183	0.0	49.2	0.0
4	GIA DINH	0.6	2	706	1.1	4.3	0.0
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	BAC LIEU	2.3 2.3	24	462	39.0	43.8	0.0
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17	BA XUYEN	3.1	11 (T)	913	13.5	19.9	0.0
18	TAY NINH	3.5	29	1,256	13.1	64.3	1.0
19	DINH TUONG	3.9	32	1,338	2.3	76.6	13.2
20	DARLAC	4.1	37 (T)	1,789	40.2	7 5.6	3. 8
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22	LAM DONG	4.7	21	1,047	18.3	50.3	0.0
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	QUANG NGAI	4.8	14	1,239	7.6	44.2	0.0
27	PHUOC TUY	5.2	36	3,580	37.9	61.9	7.1
	QUANG TIN	5.2 5.2	13	637	1.7	51.9	0.0
29	KIEN HOA	5.2 5.3	27	2,110	2 5.8	31.8	2.8
	LONG KHANH	-	40	3,168	35.5	79.3	18.9
31	PHU YEN	5.3	6	850	0.0	41.6	0.0
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•	32 34 35 36 37 38 40 41 42 43	BINH DINH CHUONG THIEN BINH THUAN PLEIKU PHU BON TUYEN DUC BINH LONG QUANG NAM KIEN TUONG KONTUM BINH TUY AN XUYEN	6.2 6.8 6.9 7.4 8.2 8.2 8.7 9.1 9.2 13.6	42 41 28 37(T) 26 34 19 31 11(T) 18 17	4,466 1,589 1,727 1,426 448 863 628 4,889 463 1,060 674 3,729	51.4 47.5 27.7 48.7 18.6 16.2 11.7 24.1 17.3 4.9 0.0 38.9	73.2 89.3 40.1 68.9 21.6 70.2 60.4 49.4 11.6 5.2 100.0 97.8	18.3 10.7 0.5 4.0 0.5 10.1 0.0 10.1 0.0 2.0 20.3 20.3
	44	PHUOC LONG	24.5	2 0	1,129	30.9	38.6	0.0